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20 March 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Benjamin C. Evans, Jr.
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT : The RAND Corporation Invitation

My own feelings about the propriety or wisdom about the DCI's accepting the RAND Corporation's invitation to a reception and dinner on 11 April are mixed. Since RAND is a private, profit-making corporation actively seeking additional government business (i.e., contracts), there are legitimate questions involved in senior government officials accepting the Corporation's hospitality. Furthermore, the Corporation even if its intentions are basically honorable -- cannot fail to benefit from a setting in which there are a number of top level government officials present since each of the latter might be instinctively inclined to think that the presence of the others was symbolic of official endorsement of RAND ventures. On the other hand, RAND has done a lot of business for the Defense Department and some for the Agency, hence, the invitation is not altogether inappropriate. My own suggestion would be to do a little discreet homework to find out who else has received such an invitation (e.g., the Secretary of Defense) and whether other recipients plan to accept. The DCI should not stick out if he goes but at the same time if many other top level officials are planning to go his absence might be unnecessarily conspicuous.



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Deputy for National Intelligence Officers

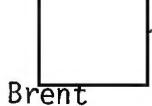
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ben Evans

For the record, Paul agrees with the DCI; that is, we think the DCI would not gain much from attending the Annual Meeting of the Rand group.



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SUBJECT: (Optional)

The Director's question on attending informal
Rand Corporation dinner.

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It depends upon whether Bill has any great interest in the personalities there. Generally, an informal chat with folks like these can be helpful. On the other hand, I know he and Mrs. Colby are swamped with invitations tying him up. On balance, I do not believe he need attend this. If he does, it will set into motion other invitations from Ford, SRI, etc., all of whom receive large government subsidies.

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Remarks:

Probably I should
agree - Agree?

Ben Evans,

Yes. Might have reservation
however - doesn't like
Jack's card or perhaps does.
Stranger.

True

DCI/DPS

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